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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA AT ANCHORAGE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA for the use of NORTH STAR TERMINAL & STEVEDORE COMPANY, d/b/a NORTHERN STEVEDORING & HANDLING, and NORTH STAR TERMINAL & STEVEDORE COMPANY, d/b/a Northern Stevedoring & Handling, on its own behalf,

Plaintiffs,

and

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA for the use of SHORESIDE PETROLEUM, INC., d/b/a Marathon Fuel Service, and SHORESIDE PETROLEUM, INC., d/b/a Marathon Fuel Service, on its own behalf,

Intervening Plaintiffs,

and

METCO, INC.,

Intervening Plaintiff,

vs.

NUGGET CONSTRUCTION, INC.; SPENCER ROCK PRODUCTS, INC.; UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY; and ROBERT A. LAPORE, Defendants.

Case No. A98-009 CIV (HRH)

DEPOSITION OF BARBARA DIECKGRAEFF
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- Q. But you were comfortable you would ultimately
- get paid because this was a bonded project?
- A. Yes, we were. It was Nugget's barge and they
- were a federally-bonded job.
- ⁵ Q. And during this period of time until you last
- 6 provided services on the 26th, you believed you had a
- 7 contract with Spencer?
- A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And you had no contract negotiations with
- 10 Nugget?
- A. No, we didn't contract with Nugget. We
- contracted with Spencer, but it was Nugget's barge and it
- was ultimately going to be their rock.
- Q. Okay. Would it change your opinion about
- Nugget's obligation for this if, in fact -- would it
- change your opinion about Nugget's obligations to you if,
- in fact, Nugget had paid Mr. LaPore for the first two
- barge loads of rock?
- A. That's why I asked Randy and he said, "No, had
- not been paid."
- Q. Would it change your opinion if, in fact,
- Randy -- about Nugget's responsibility if, in fact, Randy
- was wrong and Nugget had paid for the first two barge
- loads of rock?

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A. I don't understand that.

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